



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 6282

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**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL RESULTS-BASED
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES
AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The select committee of
2 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
3 children, in consultation with the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office
4 of Legislative Research and the Commission on Children, shall
5 maintain an annual report card that evaluates the progress of state
6 policies and programs in promoting the result that all Connecticut
7 children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and
8 ready to lead successful lives. Progress shall be measured by primary
9 indicators of progress, including, but not limited to, indicators
10 established in the final report of the Legislative Program Review and
11 Investigations Committee prepared pursuant to the provisions of
12 section 1 of public act 09-166, of state-wide rates of child abuse, child
13 poverty, low birth weight, third grade reading proficiency, and the
14 annual social health index developed pursuant to section 46a-131a of
15 the general statutes. For each indicator, the data shall also be presented
16 according to ethnicity or race, gender, geography and, where
17 appropriate, age and other relevant characteristics. Said committee
18 shall prepare the report card on or before January 15, 2012, and
19 annually thereafter. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually
20 thereafter, said committee shall make the report card available to the
21 public on the Internet and on the web site of the General Assembly and

22 shall transmit the report card electronically to (1) members of the joint
23 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
25 and human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families,
26 Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary
27 of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court
28 Administrator.

29 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, the select committee of the
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in
31 consultation with a working group of representatives of state agencies
32 and departments, community organizations, private provider agencies
33 operating programs that impact the well-being of children and
34 families, parents and other caretakers of children, child advocacy
35 organizations, health care professionals that serve children and
36 families, schools, and child care providers, shall identify or develop (1)
37 an indicator for measuring whether children are living with their
38 families and have stability in their living environments, (2) secondary
39 indicators for measuring progress within each area of children's well-
40 being related to measuring progress in their health, safety, stability,
41 education and future success, including, but not limited to, food
42 security, and (3) key measures of performance of the state child
43 welfare system, including, but not limited to, (A) rates of repeat
44 maltreatment among victims of child abuse and neglect; (B) placement
45 in out-of-home care among children at risk of abuse and neglect; (C)
46 child fatalities involving child abuse or neglect; (D) rates of
47 reunification and permanency for children removed from their homes;
48 and (E) the developmental and health status and educational progress
49 of children served by the child welfare system and other appropriate
50 measures of well-being and preparation for success in life. Not less
51 than annually, said committee shall: (i) With the assistance of the
52 working group, review the adequacy of primary and secondary
53 indicators, system-level performance measures, and related data
54 resources for such indicators and measures, and determine whether
55 there are more appropriate alternatives to monitoring progress in

56 achieving the result that all Connecticut children grow up in a stable
 57 living environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives,
 58 and (ii) in consultation with the results-based accountability
 59 subcommittee of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 60 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 61 budgets of state agencies, identify programs within the child welfare
 62 system that make a significant contribution to achieving such result
 63 and require the entities administering such programs to prepare
 64 annual report cards employing the results-based format developed by
 65 said subcommittee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	New section

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